COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, January 28th 1884

The Council met last night. Present: Mayor Hyman (in the chair), Ald. Becher, Niven, Scarrow, Stringer, Hewitt, Cowan, Beattie, O Mara, Hunt, Labatt and Birrell. Minutes of the previous meetings read and sustained.

COMMUNICATIONS.

James Smith—On behalf of Mystic Lodge No 2, Knights of Pythias, asking for the free use of City Hall for Feb. 2 for a calico ball.

Messrs. Macdonald & Ivey—Notifying the Council that they had been instructed to proceed by way of mandamus to compel the erection of Oxford street bridge, and that unless action was taken at an early date they must proceed. No. 2.

I. Danks, secretary Waterworks Board—Stating that owing to last year's heavy expenditure they could not pay over the monthly receipts to the Chamberlain No. 1.

Robert Heron & Samuel H. Steinhoff in re weigh scales, and Wm Pate—Asking to erect a shed at once, and brick it up when the weather permits. Action deferred.

Wm. Wyeth -Asking to have a child taken off his hands, which had been left with him by a Mrs. Patton; and also to allow him some remuneration for six weeks' board. No. 1.

Edward Le Ruey—Asking reduction of taxes on the amount of earnings of the Financial Association of Ontario No. 1.

Wm. Percy -For remission of income tax No 1.

Mrs. Packham, C. J. Anderson, Edmund Yealland, and Timothy Hanafin—For remission of taxes. No. 1.

Jas. O'Hagan and other firemen—For an increase of salary. No. 3.

W. W. Fitzgerald re Huron & Middlesex assessment, 1883. No. 1.

Wm Neil—asking $2 50 for services as janitor in St. George's School. No. 1.

REPORT OF NUMBER THREE COMMITTEE.

By Ald Hunt, chairman:

1. That the petition of Wm. Pate be not granted.

2. That Mr. Alex. McIntosh, weigh scales lessee, be given the refusal for 24 hours of a further lease for one year more at the same rental as paid for past year.

3. That the petition of Mrs. McHugh be not entertained.

4. That the account of Thos. Browne for work done on the steam fire engine, amounting to $35, be paid.

5. That the following accounts be paid; Fire Department paysheet for January, $323 37; City Gas Company, $2,019 31; Geo. T. Dodd, $27 09; total, $2,369 77.

6. That tenders be called for 25 cords green and 25 cords dry hard wood, to be delivered at the City Hospital during February.

7. That a galvanic battery and set of McIntyre's splints, also a Richardson's atomizer, be purchased for use in the City Hospital at a cost of $120.

8. That the Hospital Superintendent be authorized to engage three additional female nurses, the present number being insufficient for the calls made upon them by citizens.

9. That the Chairman be authorized to purchase 1,000 feet of hose for the Fire Department.

10. The committee ask for instructions respecting the lighting of the street lamps and municipal buildings, the present contract with the City Gas Company expiring about the end of March next.

The report was referred to a Committee of the Whole, Ald. Cowan taking the chair. First clause passed.

Clause 2 read. Moved in amendment that tenders be called for. Carried.

Clauses 3, 4, 5 passed. In connection with clauses 6 and 7 Mayor Hyman raised a point of order, that according to the bylaws the Council had no power to make appropriations without the sanction of the Finance Committee. Clause referred to No 1.

Clause 8 passed, and clause 9 read.

Ald. Stringer moved in amendment that 500 feet of hose be purchased. Carried. The clause then passed.

The Mayor resumed the chair, Ald. Cowan reporting the amendments. Ald. Hunt called for the yeas and nays to the amendment to clause 2. Yeas—Birrell, Labatt, Hunt, Niven and Hewitt. Nays—O'Meara, Beattie, Cowan, Scarrow, Becher and Stringer. Report adopted as amended.

REPORT OF NUMBER TWO COMMITTEE.

By Ald. Hewitt, chairman.

1 and 2. That the following accounts be paid:

Pay sheet	$ 60 45

Accounts certified to by Chairman and Engineer of 1883, but not passed by the Council—

Brown & Co., pipe tile, etc	$ 56 91
James Sussex	31 50
Ferguson Bros	2 3 60
Hugh Douglass	25 00
Marshall & Stevenson	6 00
John Purdom	556 10
Henry Colerick	25 00
Wm. Smith	400 00
Isaac Crouse	400 00
Wm. Cathro	150 00
Total	$1,850 11

3. We recommend that the Council call for tenders for a sewer on Queen's avenue, between Wellington and Waterloo streets, and charge a rental.

4. We recommend that 100 cords of stone be purchased from Wm. Anthistle, as per tender annexed.

5. As ordered by the Committee, the Chairman and City Engineer called upon Mr. Dawson, of the G. T. R., in regard to cleaning the snow from off the

crossings, and Mr. Dawson promised to attend to the matter.

Council went into committee of the whole, Ald, Becher in the chair. Clauses 1 and 2 passed.

The Engineer explained, in regard to clause 3, that unless the sewer was constructed by the means proposed no sewer could be placed there until the expiration of two years.

Clause 3 read. Ald. Cowan moved an amendment that Picton street be substituted for Wellington. Carried.

Mayor Hyman raised a point of order that the matter go to No. 1, and the chairman ruled accordingly.

In connection with clause 4 Ald. Hunt raised a point of order.

Ald. Hyman moved the suspension of the rule of order. Carried.

Clause 5 carried. Committee rose and reported. Report adopted as amended.

FIRST REPORT NUMBER ONE COMMITTEE.

By Ald. Birrell, chairman.

1 Payment of the following accounts :

Election expenses	$ 195	50
Scrutineers, Free Library bylaw	112	00
City Gas Company	2,049	31
Fire Department	358	37
Court House and Jail expenses	1,026	67
Repairs	89	22
Board of Works, pay sheet	60	45
Total	$4,192	52

2. Progress in the petitions of Finlay McNeil and others, H. E Nelles, Southam & Brierley, J. H. Flock, M. J. Kent, E. C Christie, Wm. Hawkins and J. R Flock.

3 That the petition of Jessie McEwen re political and municipal franchise to women be filed.

4. That the petition of I. Williams for remission of sewer rate wrongly assessed be granted.

5 That the petition of Jabez Harwood for rebate of taxes on account of vacant house be filed, your Committee having no jurisdiction.

6. Petitions of David Carter, W. H. and C. R. Smith and Stoneman & Co. for reduction of assessment be filed, committee having no power.

7. That the petition of Mrs McDiarmid to be allowed to pay taxes for 1883 and arrears of taxes against the property in monthly or quarterly instalments be filed, committee having no jurisdiction.

8. That petitions of M. E. Cudmore and Mrs. Brown for tax remission be not granted

9. That a telephone be placed in the Treasurer's office.

10. That the Committee be authorized to make an estimate of the city's proportion of liability in cost of administration of justice and Court House and jail expenditure in view of a change in the agreement with the county of Middlesex re this joint liability.

11. Progress in petitions of J. B. Flock and others, re street watering.

12. That the petition of R. S. Holmes and Isaac Williams, for reduction in income assessment for 1883, be filed, committee having no power.

Ald. Birrell moved the adoption of the clauses 1 to 10 inclusive, with the exception of clause 3. Passed.

Ald. Cowan moved, and Ald. Beattie seconded, that clause 3 be amended, and that this Council give their support to the cause of woman's rights. Lost. Yeas and nays called for.

Yeas—Cowan, Beattie and Stringer.

Nays—Birrell, Labatt, Hunt, O'Meara, Hewitt, Scarrow, Niven and Becher.

Clause 11 read. Ald. Hunt moved that the account be paid less the deduction.

Amendment—Ald. O'Meara and Cowan—That the account be paid, less the deduction for breakages of hydrants. Lost. Original motion carried.

Clause 12 passed. Adoption of the report moved. Ald. Scarrow raised a point of order in regard to clause 9, and read rule 84 in support of it.

Alderman Becher moved that the clause be amended by adding at a cost of $37 50.

Ald. Scarrow moved in amendment that it be referred to No. 2 committee. Ald. Stringer seconded. Lost. The motion carried. Report as amended adopted

REPORT OF THE BRIDGE COMMITTEE.

By Ald. Birrell, chairman—Your committee would report that they met the committee from the County Council but could not arrive at a decision. The County Council have since taken action, and passed the following resolution :

"That Messrs. R. Dreaney, John Nixon and the Commissioner be a committee to arrange with the proper authorities of the city of London as to the manner in which the approaches to bridges between the county and city are to be repaired.

"That Messrs. R. Dreaney, J. Nixon, A. Sharpe, S. McLeod, A. Robinson, S Gibb and the Chairman of the Board be a committee to act in conjunction with a committee of the city of London for the erection of the Kensington bridge, and recommend said bridge to be a wooden, Howe truss, built on two stone abutments and one pier, substantially built from the foundation, and if the city refuse to accept the above recommendation that the committee be authorized to proceed in conjunction with the city to build the bridge in accordance with the award made and the plans and specifications prepared for the erection of said bridge.

"That the committee named above be authorized to act in conjunction with the city of London in making the necessary repairs to the Oxford street bridge, with power."

Your committee would recommend that a special committee, consisting of the members of No 2 Committee, Alds Birrell, Becher, Hunt and His Worship the Mayor, be appointed, with power to arrange all matters respecting the bridges between the city and county. Report adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Reeve of London West—Hoping that the City Council would actively co-operate with the council for the erection of the bridge. Bridge Committee.

WEIGH SCALES.

Ald. Beattie moved, Ald Hunt seconded, that the clause in regard to the weigh scales be reconsidered.

A point of order was raised. Ald. Cowan moved, Ald. Beattie seconded, that the rules of order be suspended Carried.

Ald. Hunt moved the adoption of the original clause, and that in case Mr. McIntosh refused to take a new lease, that the committee have power to ask for tenders and accept the highest satisfactory one Carried.

BYLAWS.

To amend the bylaw for levying taxes in the city of London. Bylaw read a first time. Third reading moved.

Ald. Becher explained that the object was to change interest on all unpaid taxes after the 5th of February He moved the blanks be filled in, and the bylaw passed.

Ald. Scarrow moved that the bylaw be referred back to No. 1 Committee to report back at the next meeting of the Council

Ald. Stringer moved that the 1st of April be inserted Ald. Hunt seconded The amendments were lost.

Ald. Hunt then moved another amendment that the time be extended to the 15th of February. Ald. Niven seconded. Carried.

The bylaw was read a second and third time and passed.

A bylaw appointing the auditors was read three times and passed.

Bylaw appointing members for a Court of Revision was read and passed.

Bylaw appointing members of a Board of Health was read and passed.

MOTIONS.

The Chairman of No. 1 was, on motion, authorized to sign checks in the Mayor's absence.

Moved by Ald. Hunt, seconded by Ald. Becher, that No. 1 prepare a bylaw for the appointment of free library trustees. Carried.

Ald. Niven moved that the appointment of a second health inspector be referred to the Board of Health. Carried.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Ald. Hewitt—I hereby give notice that I will at the next meeting move for the appointment of a committee consisting of the Mayor, Ald. Birrell, O'Meara, Beattie and myself, for the purpose of conferring with the authorities for the building or constructing of a convenient number of underground or overhead bridges over the railroad, so as to prevent the great inconvenience and annoyance to the residents of the southern portion of the city on account of the crossings being blocked as at present.

Council adjourned.